

1 Rule 3.2. Expediting Litigation.

2 A lawyer shall make reasonable efforts to expedite litigation consistent with the  
3 interests of the client.

4 Comment

5 [1] Dilatory practices bring the administration of justice into disrepute. ~~Delay should~~  
6 ~~not be indulged merely~~ Although there will be occasions when a lawyer may properly  
7 seek a postponement for personal reasons, it is not proper for a lawyer to routinely fail  
8 to expedite litigation solely for the convenience of the advocates, ~~or~~. Nor will a failure to  
9 expedite be reasonable if done for the purpose of frustrating an opposing party's  
10 attempt to obtain rightful redress or repose. The standard is whether a competent  
11 lawyer acting in good faith would regard the course of action as having some substantial  
12 purpose other than delay. Realizing financial or other benefit from otherwise improper  
13 delay in litigation is not a legitimate interest of the client.